

Mini Summit Area:

Self-Determination/Life Services Broker

Meeting dates and Locations:

January 24, 2008 at 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm at the West Valley Inn and

January 24, 2008 at 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm at the West Valley Inn

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This Mini Summit will explore Self-Determination and the role of the Life Services Broker in assisting people with developmental disabilities and families to design and implement self-directed services.

Self-Determination is a national movement that seeks to create meaningful lives for all persons with disabilities. It is founded on four basic principles:

1. Individuals have the freedom to plan their own lives
2. Individuals have the authority and control over their own life including control over resources
3. Individuals have access to the supports they need, and
4. Individuals take on the responsibility to use resources in a cost efficient manner.

The agenda for this Mini Summit will include:

- a presentation by Tom Nerney, Executive Director of the national Center for Self-determination including discussion of re-thinking quality in Human Services and the role of fiscal management agencies, personal budgets and independent brokering
- a panel discussion including RI families' experiences in creating and using self-directed supports
- facilitated discussion including opportunities for questions, comments, concerns and recommendations